

# Floods began and peaked on same day — and now it's all over

By Kris Radish  
Deseret News staff writer

PROVO — The 1985 flooding season in Utah County is over, and compared with 1983 and 1984, not a lot happened.

"We got off easy this year," said Utah County Engineer Clyde Naylor. "In fact not much happened at all."

Naylor said runoff started and peaked about the same day — April 1.

"We had an idea that things would be easier on us this year," he said. "We would have been ready if there would have been problems."

The past two years Naylor and his crew were kept busy with major flooding problems throughout the county.

In 1983, the town of Thistle was destroyed when a huge mudslide fell into Spanish Fork Canyon, blocking the Spanish Fork River. The river backed up for miles, creating a lake that covered Thistle and caused several million dollars worth of damage.

Besides the Thistle disaster, the county faced severe flooding problems on other streams and rivers in 1983-84.

Naylor said debris basins and other flood control work since 1983 helped alleviate the problems this year. He said there also wasn't that much runoff.

"We had a lot more evaporation off the lakes and streams this year, and that helped," Naylor said. "Last year we had 90 days of fog and that made matters worse."

Naylor said that instead of flood control work this spring county crews will continue working on flood cleanup.

"The roads throughout the county are in terrible shape



PHOTOGRAPHY/ GARY McKELLAR

Spanish Fork has spent \$60,000 to prepare river for high runoff. Most of money was for rip-rapping near the Spanish Oaks Golf Course.

## Spanish Fork River may not flood after all

By Clark H. Caras  
Deseret News correspondent

SPANISH FORK — The Spanish Fork River won't flood this year if the weather continues to cooperate, said Lynn Mendenhall.

was flowing at about 1,200 cfs as compared to 4,000 cfs last year," said Heaps.

Since the river peaked it has been running at below the 1,200 cfs level and will continue to do so unless mountain streams

near the golf course and Canyon View Park," said Heaps.

During the past two years Spanish Fork has spent \$838,000 in fighting the floods along the river and repairing damage done

for about three miles of the river, said Heaps, and the work done in the past three years has resulted in that total amount of river being rip-rapped with large rocks and boulders.



employment, as well as offering the rewards and excitement of hiking in American Fork Canyon, and providing the satisfaction of interpreting the unique cave formations to school

May 18. For more information or to obtain an application, contact Superintendent Bill Wellman or Chief Ranger James Boll at the Visitor Center at Timpanogos Cave National Monument or call 756-5238.

## Hospital plans class on handling depression

**AMERICAN FORK** — American Fork Hospital is starting a new class Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. on discouragement and depression.

Participants will learn to understand and identify cues that cause stress and depression. They will learn techniques in self-awareness and re-

laxation and will be taught to manage behavior and develop a self-conception image.

The course will be instructed by Kelly Poplainski. A small fee will be charged.

For further information, contact Kim Hardman, 756-6001, ext. 406.

## See videotapes on first aid, home safety

**OREM** — Videotapes on first aid and home safety may be borrowed at no charge from the Orem Community Hospital emergency room.

The tapes cover the most common at-home accidents and explain when it

is necessary to see a doctor. These tapes can be viewed privately or be shown to clubs, church groups or other organizations. Tapes last about 45 minutes.

To reserve a videotape, call the emergency room at 224-4080, ext. 126.

## Cedar Valley reception to fete 2 retirees

**CEDAR VALLEY** — An open house will be held Wednesday for two Cedar Valley Elementary school employees who are retiring after a combined total of 68 years of service.

Evelyn Peterson will retire after 37 years as lunch manager, and Ileen Cook, primary grade teacher, will re-

tire after 31 years.

The reception will be from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Cedar Valley LDS Ward cultural hall in Cedar Fort.

All friends and former students of Cedar Valley Elementary are invited to attend.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS agendas

He is putting together a comprehensive study of the flooding problems the county experienced in 1983-84. "The study will have just about everything in it that you would like to know about flooding problems. If this happens again, and it very well could, this study will be a help."

the city's Canyon View Park and Spanish Oaks Golf Course were destroyed or damaged by high water. Both the park and the golf course are fully functional with all damages repaired and the river bank in the area made higher and reinforced, said Oyler.

"We have received \$670,000 back from the federal and state government and we paid out about \$838,000. So the actual net cost to the city has been \$230,000," said Oyler.

Spanish Fork has spent \$60,000 this year in preparing the river for possible high runoff. The state has added another \$30,000 for us to get the river done. Most of the money has gone into rip-rapping along the river

Runoff figures show that the river peaked during the week of April 15 with the river running at about 1,200 cubic feet per second, said Richard Heaps, city engineer. "The River Commission said the peak

# Interagency

Continued from U-1

\$750,000. We know we would have lost that much otherwise if we hadn't been involved in this," Gomm said. "We wanted to see how this would work in a non-fire situation and it worked great."

Clayton said no other place in the country has such a program to handle all types of disasters. "I don't know of anywhere else that a non-fire pact is in effect and is functioning like ICS is."

ICS will be geared to not only handle floods and fires, but also nuclear disasters, chemical spills, landslides and earthquakes, said Clayton and Gomm.

"Instead of having one plan for flooding, another one for nuclear disaster, and one for fire, what we have here is a plan that will be designed to handle any emergency that comes up and handle it to the best ability of all agencies combined," said Clayton.

Once ICS is programmed to handle one type of major disaster, it will be ready to take on something larger — and logically, something smaller, Clayton said.

"If we are able to put together a system to handle a 7.5 Richter earthquake, then we can deal with any other major disruption or disaster that might require mass evacuations of people," he said.

There is a desperate need for all agencies in the county

to pool resources during a time of need, said Clayton and Gomm. For that reason ICS will be approaching cities and other agencies to encourage them to join.

"If you were to take all the resources available in this county and put them into a pot to draw from, there are just so many that can be used. And they might not even be enough for the disaster faced. So instead of fighting over those resources, as has happened in the past, everyone will have a say in where they go and how they are used," said Clayton.

With cooperation by all agencies, it will be much easier to "knock down any disaster in a minimum amount of time and help hold down the costs, but more importantly, possibly save lives in the process," said Gomm.

ICS is not just another government agency, nor will it attempt to dictate to other agencies what they can and cannot do, Clayton said.

"We just want to be able to bring together several government agencies that have in the past possibly experienced some waste in spending and allocating of funds. And in this age, when budgets are tight and money is not fast in coming, we need a system like ICS to pool monies and resources," said Clayton.

For the coming spring and summer, ICS will begin functioning out of a trailer designed especially for the disaster management program. The trailer is a modified sheep-camp that will be filled with radio equipment, generators and maps. During an emergency it will become one of the command posts for ICS; at present it functions as the ICS office.

also is a great deal of uncertainty in the air, and the two resignations haven't helped relieve any of the uncertainty, Densley said.

## Hospital will offer 'Early Bird' class on prenatal care

**PROVO** — Utah Valley Regional Medical Center will hold its "Early Bird" prenatal class 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the Clark Auditorium.

The class is for pregnant women in their first or second trimester. A \$4 charge helps defray the cost of materials.

Topics include physical and emotional changes in pregnancy, nutritional guidelines, relaxation tips, fitness exercises, early warning signs of problems in pregnancy, and choosing a physician and birthing facility.

For information and reservations, call 373-7850, extension 2928.

## Utah County deaths

### Glen Jay Hill

**OREM** — Glen Jay Hill, 60, died April 27, 1985, in Utah Valley Regional Medical Center, Provo. He was born March 24, 1925, in Ogden, a son of James W. and Edna Faulkner Hill. He married Melba Telleon on March 25, 1950, in Vallejo, Calif. The marriage was later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple.

He was raised in California and was in the Army during World War II in the Philippines. He was employed at U.S. Steel Works

berg-Olpin Mortuary, 495 South State, Orem, and Wednesday one hour prior to services in the ward chapel. Burial will be in the Orem City Cemetery.

### Earl Kenneth Laycock

**AMERICAN FORK** — Earl Kenneth Laycock, 66, died April 28, 1985, at his home in American Fork. He was born Aug. 23, 1918, in American Fork, to Albert H. and Marjorie Snyder Laycock. He mar-

ried Idaho Falls, Idaho. The marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

He received his education in Logan city schools and graduated from Logan High School. He attended Ricks college in Rexburg, Idaho, where he played football and was in many operas. He married and lived in Rexburg, where he served as fire chief for two years. They moved to Salt Lake City where he worked as an iron worker on some of the tall build-